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Arizona American Water Company - Paul Townsley, President; Troy Day, VP of Operations

Arizona Corporation Commission Board - Kristin Mayes, Chairman; Gary Pierce, Paul Newman, Sandra Kelly, Bob Stump

Dear Concerned Officials;

I am a home-owner and full time resident in the Del Webb community of Corte Bella. I would like to go on record as one who objects to the recent water-rate increase levied on the residents and golf course of our community.

The residents of Corte Bella purchased homes in this development based on the aesthetics of being a beautiful green belt and golf course community, in fact, some of us paid a premium for a golf course view lot. The golf course contributes significantly to the livability, quality of life and value of our homes. Your recent increase in water rates reflect the fact that you have lost touch with what is reasonable and fair for a rate increase. As a resident, your increase of 20% is pushing the parameters of reasonable and fair.

Your increase of 350% for the golf course is unjustifiable, unrealistic and unfair to say the least. If the current rate for the golf course is not reduced to a reasonable increase the additional costs to water the golf course will eliminate the courses viability. I do not understand why other courses in Sun City West and Sun City Grand did not get this rate increase.

These are hard economic times in Arizona. Corte Bella residents and the golf club provide jobs, lucrative tax and related fees to the county and state as well as being a positive force on the real estate values and property taxes that are generated by the 1,600 plus homes in the community. It is inconceivable to me that you could ask for and receive approval for this increase. If the water rate for the golf course is left unchanged, I feel, that you will be destroying a vibrant community.

Please give this matter your personal and immediate attention, the longer this situation exists the more the condition will deteriorate.

Sincerely,

Tom Hoag

PS: While I do not expect a full response, I would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt.

Thank you.